

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Weedon Farm Inventory Number: ~~240036~~ CH-972

Address: 10155 Weedon Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Newburg

Owner: Langley, Keith E and Theresa L

Tax Parcel Number: 133 Tax Map Number: 73

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no    yes Name:                      Date:                     

Eligibility recommended    Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no    yes Name of District:                     

Is district listed?: X no    yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Weedon Farm, located at 10155 Weedon Road, is comprised of a single family dwelling and a large barn. The wood frame house is one-and-one-half-stories in height and five-bays wide. A one-story, two-bay wide addition has been constructed on the west elevation of the symmetrical dwelling. The house is covered by a steeply pitched, side gable roof. The roof is pierced by two front gable roof dormers. The house has a central entrance. The two-story, wood frame barn has a front gambrel roof with a shed roof extension on its south elevation. The barn is clad with vertical wood siding and covered by a corrugated metal sheets.

Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level,

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while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

The gambrel roof barn increased in popularity in the last quarter of the 19th century. The gambrel roof was easily used with lumber-truss construction, which was developed in the third quarter of the 19th century. Gambrel roofs were also added to barns employing traditional timber bent construction. The advantage of the gambrel roof was the increase in loft capacity. This increase in capacity made barns more efficient for hay storage. As farm sizes increased and more animals needed hay, the increased storage capacity became more desirable.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in Charles County's development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1920, this Colonial Revival-style house and barn are not eligible for the National Register. While they are typical of the residential and agricultural development along U.S. 301, these resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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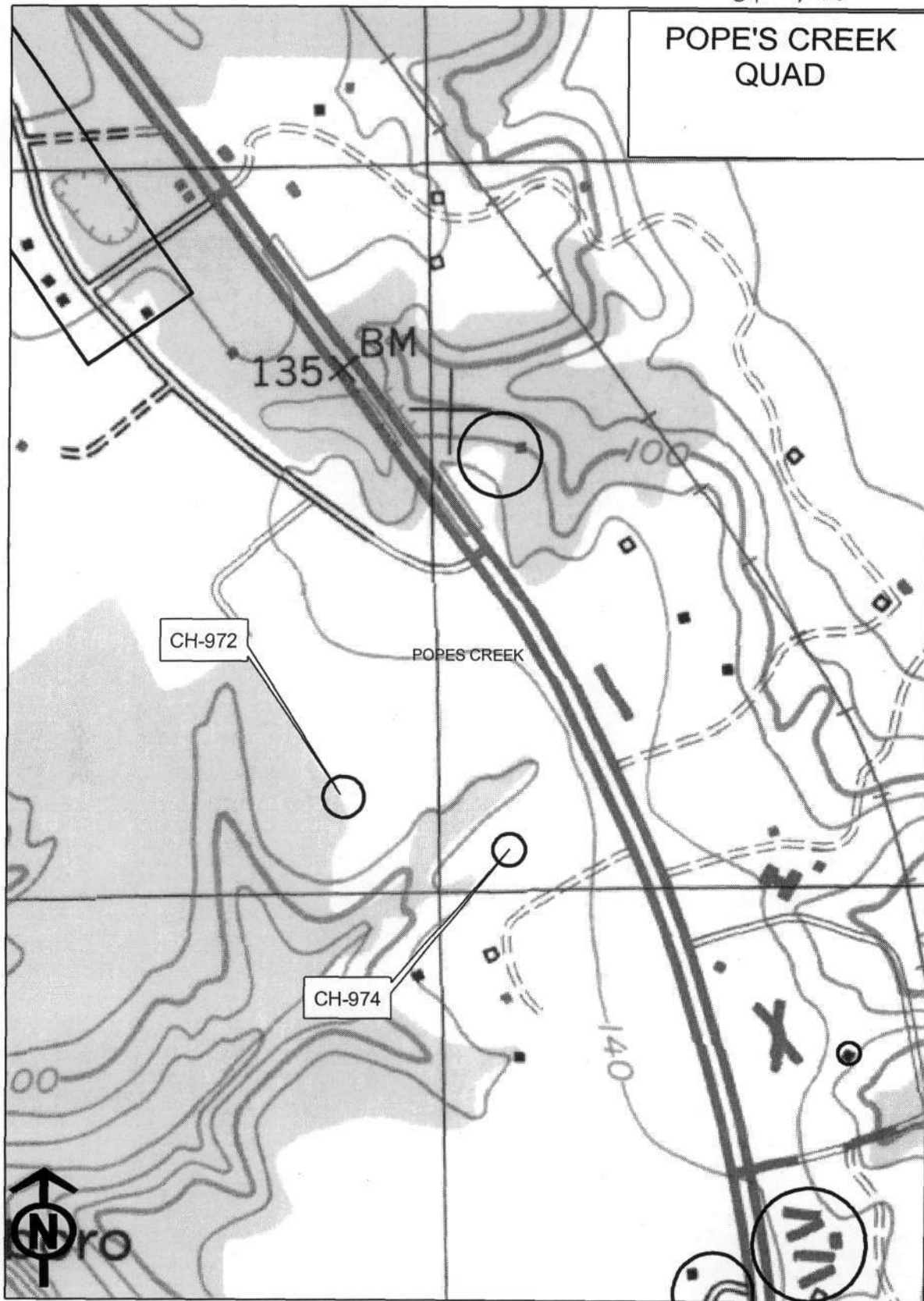
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